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That ever drank the amber shower,
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Of dimpled Spring the wood-nymph
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I am acquainted more or less with hundreds and hundreds of readers of the little Magazine personally through correspondence, and shall feel very keenly the failure of any one to renew her subscription.

I also know what we can accomplish if we will back each other up loyally towards making this a perfectly wonderful and splendid Magazine.

It will help when you are renewing to add a word of comment or criticism that will be constructive to me as your

EDITOR.

REMINDERS FOR JUNE

By Bertha Berbert-Hammond

By the 1st of June about all the seedlings that were grown indoors may be set out in the garden.

House plants may be moved into Summer quarters outdoors. Remember, many pot plants, such as Azaleas, etc., are benefited by plunging pots and all into the soil in the garden.

Show tender annuals this month.

Sprinkle a little grass seed on the bare and thin spots of the lawn, first roughening the surface slightly with a rake.

June is a good month in which to plant roses, and as one never has too many of them buy and set out just as many as you possibly can. It is surprising how cheaply desirable Hardy Garden roses can be had now-days. And don't forget roses like to be in a bed by themselves, in extra rich soil.

As the weeks advance keep up a persistent fight against the rose pests, by sprinkling the foliage frequently with soapy water, or spraying with some dependable insecticide, procurable at almost any drug store.

Frequent cultivation is of the greatest benefit, not only in keeping down the weeds but to form a shallow dust mulch to conserve moisture.

Do not forget that if you keep the weeds down in June you have ever so much less trouble with them for the balance of the summer.

MY SOLITARY ROSE

Concealed among a wealth of thorns
I found a tiny rose bud fair,
Blooming in utter solitude,
Content with wasting its beauty there.

No other rose seemed half so dear,
Despite its gorgeous hue
As did this tender little bud
Kissed by the morning's dew.

I drank its beauty with my eyes,
And watched the rays of sunlight
Gently fall upon this solitary bud,
And marveled at the beauty of it all.

Each day I sought that lonely spot.
And sat there by the hour,
Enraptured by the loveliness
Of that dainty little flower.

But alas! retracing my footsteps,
In quest of the treasure I'd found,
In my absence the bud had been shattered.
Its petals scattered about on the ground.

Winnie Alice Meeks, Rusk, Texas.

Roses—And How to Select and Grow Them

Bessie Berry Grabowskii

" And I will make thee beds of roses,
And a thousand fragrant posies." —Marlow.

"Beds of Roses"—that is what should be in every garden—for it is one flower that likes to be in beds to themselves, as far as any other root-drawing flower is concerned, for roses are gross feeders, and also they do not like to rub shoulders with other flowers.

Beds of roses—for another reason, for no one can really know the glory of the rose who has not seen them in a regular bed.

There is another thing I would advise—because I have been tempted to make that mistake until this season—do not just try to collect roses, as varieties—it is a great temptation—but get you two or three plants of the same variety, even though you do not plant them together, it enables you to get a bunch of the same rose at a time, and this is such a lovely thing and such a satisfaction.

As one lover of the rose, to others, I want to give a few varieties that I believe, with care, will prove good in most sections of our country.

Referring to a recent report of the American Rose Society I select somewhere that seem popular for planting practically anywhere. For Hybrid Teas—those which are called "monthly roses"—always first the Maman Cochet, there are five of them, Red, Crimson, White, Pink and Yellow, and another, the Queen Gold, which is cream tinted pink, and called the Beauty Cochet; every single one is a perfect rose, a perfect bud, and grows well. But this is the list of Hybrid tea roses; Pinks—Maman Cochet, Pink Radiance, Columbia and Pink Killarney.

Reds—Red Cochet, Red Radiance, Hadley. Crimson—Crimson Cochet, Francis Scott Key, Robinhood, Keiserine Augusta Victoria, Double white Killarney and Ivory.

White—White Cochet.

Yellow—Etoile de Leon, Pearl de Jardin, Duchess of Wellington, Alexander Hill Grey.

Sunset Shades—Safra-no, Mrs. Aaron Ward, Sunburst, Souv. de Pierre Notting, and a favorite of mine (or two) Frances Kruger and Gorgeous.

Hybrid Perpetuals—Those that bloom in June and sometimes again in the Fall:

Paul Neyron, pink; Geo. Ahrends, (pink American Beauty); Frau Karl Drouschki, white American Beauty; American Beauty, red; J. B. Clark, red, or deep crimson; Gruss au Teplitz, Hugh Dickson, deep maroon; Ludwig Moeller, yellow American Beauty.

I think it is interesting to know the five Cochets, and the four American Beauties—they are termed such because the types of the blossoms and other things put them in the same class.

Two Rugosas—Very large and hardy—are the Conrad Ferdinand Meyer, large pink, and Sir Thos. Lipton, white.

Running Roses—There are so many, but I give a few: Do have Dr. Van Fleet, flesh white; Mrs. Robert Peary the running, Keiserine Augusta, pure white; pink; Christine Wright, Climbing Pink American Beauty, and Clb. Lady Ashtown, tender, a soft rose; Clb. Testont, deep pink; Gardenia, the hardy Marchal Niel, yellow; Clb. American Beauty, red; Paul's Scarlet Runner and Reine Marie Henriette, scarlet, both single blossom, running roses, and a joy forever.

Try American Pillar, bright rosy pink with white eye,

in clusters; Silver Moon, white, with full yellow stamens, and the half runner, Hugonis, the golden rose of China, bowery, very early and lovely.

This is a royal list, and if one choose but half, or a third of it, he has a "bed of roses" to please a king. Train your running roses as soon as you can they grow and bloom better.

A few of my old-fashioned favorites are the plain Cabbage Rose, large, pink and very fragrant; the old-fashioned Damask, equally as fragrant; the Musk; and the yellow briar rose, Harrison's Yellow, almost single, and

O! so sweet, fresh and pretty. And I want, sometime, the old-fashioned Briar, and a red Moss Rose; also yellow.

When you get your rosea, either Spring or Fall, note whether they come with earth on and leaf in full; if so, they are usually hot house grown, so if this earth is at all hard, or dry, set them for an hour or so in a pan of water until it softens up before planting. If this is not so, but the plant seems at all dry, do the same thing, even if the plants have been sent dormant and without earth, it never hurts to wet them.

Roses are gross feeders—as some writer has said, "roses can starve to death but they rarely die of indigestion," not unless you let manure touch their roots when planting, do avoid this, yet it is the best plan in the world to put some well rotted cow manure down in the hole below the point of planting, cover over a few inches with soil, then plant the rose—this is the best form of feeding, because it makes the roots grow deeply to get the nourishment instead of seeking the surface, and they then get a deep, good footing before winter, which makes them so much harder.

Having set your rose in the hole, so that the fork will be just one-half inch below surface, half fill the hole with earth and then pour in water and let seep through; then fill the hole with good earth and pack it well, with the hands, and next day walk around it—I say this advisedly—press it tightly with the foot to exclude all air and settle the roses well. Roses do not like their roots crammed down, but they do like to feel settled, and firm. Young plants should be planted just as the older ones.

You have heard that roses love cultivation—they do, but never deep cultivation—never over two inches, because the cultivation is only to stir the earth, to keep it from baking and crusting, to form a mulch, and to let in the fertilizers and moisture. To quote from some one I read not long ago—and I thought it just expressed it so aptly—"tickle the earth with a hoe and she will laugh with a harvest." Just scratch around your roses, do not disturb them by digging. One must, of necessity, do the rest of the feeding of the roses from the top, and the moisture all comes through the top soil; this causes little hair-roots, which feed the large roots, to climb up to the surface, and it is very injurious to the rose to disturb and break these little roots.

Feed your roses often, beginning with March. Put on well rotted manure, cow manure is always the best, next (Page 147) (Concluded on page 158)



THE DOUBLE WHITE COCHET

A RARE IRIS

An Enthusiast

I am always striving for something in flowers no one else has, and I think I have something like that now; at any rate no one around here has such a rare Japanese Iris. Its name is *Laviegata Alba purpurea*, and it is claimed to be very beautiful and different from all other species of Japanese Iris. I secured it last Summer in one of the very driest periods—the ground was baked hard and in many places cracked open from drought. But I dug a deep trench and filled it with water; then I



MRS. COLLIER-YOUNG'S PINK IRIS

borrowed, from a kind neighbor, some old, well-rotted cow manure and put that in the hole and watered it again, and after that I added nine inches of good loam, which I again watered. After it had stood a few minutes I spread out my Iris, putting loam well around it and packing it tightly, and then watered it again. In a couple hours we had a heavy thunder storm, and occasional showers for a whole week. In three weeks I noticed a green shoot. Last Fall I covered my precious plant with leaves and branches; we had practically no snow but plenty of frost (I noticed it came right through a six inch wall in my cellar), and I am worried about my Iris; do hope it will come through all right, and I will tell you about it if it flowers.

I was a cripple last Summer, from blood-poisoning. Most folks thought I would never stand on my feet again, much less have a flower garden, but I have, and I want to tell you I have eleven clumps of Peonies, four of an American Beauty shade and fragrant, five named

sorts, and a very pretty, fragrant pink and pale lemon-yellow flowering sort having a single row of outer petals in pale pink, that came from the John Alden home, in North Cobasset. And I have a Peony seedling of my own raising, just another piece of luck like I had when I won the prizes I wrote you about for Gladiolus.

How I would like to interest some of the younger folks of this generation in flowers! I think we have far too many "movies" and that we should bring our children back to the flower garden.

Just a word more



ONE OF HER FAVORITE PEONIES

about a few Gladiolus: two years ago Mr. Coleman

sent me a planting size bulb of his Catharine Coleman to try; it grew a spike four feet seven inches tall, and had fifteen large blossoms; last year I planted the same bulb and the stalk was the same height, but had twenty-five blossoms. It is claimed that this will be one of the great cut-flower varieties as soon as the stock of bulbs is large enough.

Dr. Van Fleet is certainly a beauty, and I find Indian Maid one of the best producers of bulblets in all my collection—Mrs. Dr. Norton throws more bulblets, but they are very small, and in my experience, difficult to germinate. The markings of Indian Maid and Peach Rose are identically the same, but Peach Rose produces very few bulbets and they, too, are hard to germinate. It is said that Indian Maid promises to be another of the great cut-flower Gladiolus. But the bulbs are too expensive yet for ordinary mortals, and it is the same with Diener's American Beauty, which is a grand flower, with a short spike, but each spike is a whole bouquet by itself. Another famous and beautiful Diener propagation is Mrs. H. E. Bothin. Mrs. Frederick Peters, originated by Fischer, is also a beauty, but very late. When I was a child my father often said that I was good for nothing but to poke around among the flowers and that I should grow up in a greenhouse. But as it turned out I received a teacher's education and started training as a nurse, but had to give up because of sickness and deaths in the family. If I were a young woman I would start in to have a greenhouse, but I am afraid fifty-seven is too far along. Let us get folks stirred up for more and finer flowers.

MY CHOICEST ROSES

I have thought perhaps it might be interesting, and possibly helpful, to those who wish to add to their Rose garden, and are not certain what are the best varieties, to have a list from one who has long grown Roses. I have more than three hundred varieties, but the twenty-nine I shall tell you about are those I would surely keep if I had to give up all others. Had I known what sorts to choose when I started planting I could have saved such a lot of time and so much money.

It is not always the Rose that is the heaviest bloomer, or the prettiest color, that is the most desirable, and I assure you it has not been easy to eliminate my beauties down to only twenty-nine. Of course, our Winters, in the State of Washington, are not severe, but I believe the entire list I am mentioning would winter in the Eastern States, with protection. I want to say that I always purchase one-year old Rose plants.

Roses are hungry fellows, and there is little danger of the ground being too rich for them.

I prune my Roses just about the same as though they were berry bushes, cutting out the stalks that have done the heavy bearing and leaving the new canes. After the Spring blooming these canes may be cut back half way, to develop new growth for the next blooming. Here our Roses bloom from May until November, though the flowers are less perfect in midsummer.

WHITE ROSES: British Queen, Florence Forester, Kaiserine Augusta Victoria, White American Beauty, White Maman Cochet.

LIGHT PINK: Antone Revoire, President W. R. Smith, Rainbow.

DARK PINK: Madame Caroline Testout, Maman Cochet, Miss Cynthia Ford, My Maryland.

RED: His Majesty, Crimson Queen, Edward Mawley, Etoule de France, Grusse an Teplitz, Laurette Carie.

YELLOW: Alexander Hill Gray, Gorgeous, Melody, Sunburst.

FANCY VARIETIES: Joseph Hill, Juliet, Lady Pura, Los Angeles, Madame Edward Herriott, Madame Marcel Delany, Theresa.

Mrs. M. M. Conture, Wapato, Wash.

MAKE A LILY POOL

Let me tell you what I have done and perhaps you can tell me what I may expect.

Last year I had two half-barrels and a few lard cans filled with good, rich earth, and covered with an inch of sand and then four or five inches of water. In these I planted Water Lilies, and they grew and bloomed.

This year I am trying a real pool, about six by fifteen feet, though of irregular shape. And I have tried to make it look as though it was not dug by human hands, but really placed there by Nature. If it succeeds it will be a dream come true. The center I have left for the most part free, as a mirror in which to reflect the blueness of the skies and snowiness of passing clouds. At the edge will be a rainbow of Water Lilies, in blues, purples, rose and pink, with clumps of Iris and other water-loving plants here and there to peep over the edge. How successful the home-made pond will be I cannot say, but I am hoping and praying for results. I have always loved a water garden and am determined to have it come way.

If any reader of the Floral Magazine can give me hints from their experience I surely will appreciate it.

Mrs. E. C. Godfrey, Livingston, Ala.

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GLADIOLUS; The Wonderful Flower

By C. M. Collier—Young

In the March Number of the Floral Magazine I made an attempt to describe some of the varieties of Gladioli; now I will try to tell you of the first Gladiolus I ever saw. It was in the early autumn of 1897. One day I happened to pass the home of Dr. Warren, in the (then) town of Melrose, Massachusetts, and I noticed from the sidewalk a tall, odd spike of bloom; it seemed as if the stalk grew up from the shrubbery of the other surrounding flowers. If I remember rightly it was a cream color with a dark blotch or stripe of pinkish shading—nothing like the beauties we have today.

The first opportunity I had I took a friend past the Doctor's with me, who was slightly acquainted with the Doctor's daughter, and pointed out the flower. She answered immediately, "Oh! that is a Glad-ec-o-lous", the Doctor is always getting something no one else has.

Then the following Summer I saw a few more in other gardens, no one having more than three or four, possibly half a dozen, planted either on east or south sides of the houses.

In all my travels through the South and West, even the East, I do not remember seeing another Gladiolus until the spring of 1910 or 1911. One day I carried some Dahlia bulbs to a friend in the same neighborhood of Melrose; one of her sons had just brought her some Gladioli bulbs from a florist, something new, and she gave me two of them. They were a pretty shade of light pink with a blotch.

I used hen dressing as a fertilizer and planted them as I did potatoes or beans; strange to say, they thrived and bloomed. When I was planting them the next Spring an old friend of my husband happened to call and I asked him if the little bulblets clinging around the under side of the bulbs were any good, he said "yes" and started laughing at me. There was about a glassful, and I told him he might have them, that I would not bother waiting for them to grow. I learned later why he was so pleased to get them. The old bulbs after blooming several years played out. These were the only ones, however, that ever stopped blooming, and I have over a hundred varieties now besides the unnamed mixtures. A few years later I was carrying a bouquet to a sick friend and met a woman on the cars who asked me if I would exchange a few bulbs for red ones. She sent me fourteen.

When I first planted the bulblets I put them in the ground along with the old bulbs, and not one came up. A few years later I threw all the bulblets, and earth they were in, with ashes, around some plants where I had emptied dish and wash water several times, and one day I noticed they were sprouting; some had already come up. After that I had no trouble growing bulblets.

In 1917 or 1918 I was given a pink Gladiolus with painted petals, and a "Scardsale" in exchange for some of those I had, and in 1919 I got ten with the Floral Magazine. One woman I bought for said "you don't mean to tell me you paid a quarter for those measly things". But if she could only come back and see what I have today, flower-lover though she was, she would forget the price in her joy.

The spring of 1920 I carried a friend enough for a small center bed. I had been trying to get a yellow, also a white Gladiolus. It was rather late in the season but my friend started out to visit several growers she knew of and finally located one who had not finished planting and bought a dozen, half of which she gave to me. The first one that bloomed was a beauty, a dream, the second was a very pale pink with a blotch, two each of the others proved to be Peace and Schwaben. When she planted hers she mislaid the tags, also the growers' address, and we were as bad off as if they were unusual. Two years later the beautiful pink dream proved to be Prince of Wales. The blotch I never learned the name of.

In 1921 I bought two dozen from a large grower, in colors, four each, and a little later I purchased another dozen of his in named varieties. With those two lots I had my first trouble with dry rot, but with the second planting I tried sulphur and tested other remedies. Another thing I learned is to rotate the crops, never planting oftener than every third year in the same place, preferably not oftener than every other year.

I spent all my spare money in 1922, and more too, for fancy varieties, and joined both Gladiolus societies, exhibited flowers for the first time in my life and was lucky enough to capture two first awards on my entries.

That autumn Mr. Soares, a frequent contributor to this Magazine, of California, sent me sketches of different parts of the flower, thereby interesting me in the first rudiments of hybridizing, and last summer, through the influence of Mr. Vondel's "Glorious Gladiolus" I made eight successful crosses. What I will get from these seeds will not be known for at least two years.

Any beginner growing Gladioli should start on a small scale, and would do well to get "Champe's Gladiolus for Profit"; also "Vondel's Glorious Gladiolus".

In these two volumes can be learned a great deal of "The Wonderful Flower", and we can afford to leave the rest to the professional propagators. Still there is a lot to learn; new types and color blendings are constantly being introduced.

In the Laciniated, we have Kemp's Riffolen, Purple's Serrata; Ream's Laciniated, and Harris Snow Bride. These are on the market in small quantities, and Mr. Kunderd has given us a picture of his Laciniatum which he has promised to offer the public in 1925.

Kirchoff, of California, I understand, has five types of colors, but to date I have been unable to get a description of any of them.

Who will give us a Gladiolus with the clear blue of the morning sky? Or one with the fragrance of Roses, Lilies, or Violets? The field is large and the possibilities are great, for it is,



SCHWABEN; the FINEST YELLOW GLADIOLUS

A kiss from Old Sol in the morning,
And a shower of pearls at noon,
Lightly caressed by his rays ere the gloaming,
Gives way to the silvery moon.
The bees sipping nectar from flowers,
And birds' midst roses and shrubs,
While redbreast, that bold friend of ours,
Is earnestly hunting for grubs,
For Bobbie's delighted to capture his fare
And ever and anon we're glad he is there.

Many a cutworm our pet robins dig out that if left would next night mark for breakfast some of our choicest Gladioli or other equally tender flower, but Bobbie has him either eaten on the spot or carried to his family in the nearby tree.

More could be said, but I will leave it to some other "Glad Fan" and close by saying, Mrs. King, Evelyn Kirkland and Gretchen Zang, in the flush of their young glory had a great many admirers, the fame of their beauty was sung from ocean to ocean and across to other lands but now other beauties are yearly taking their place. Yet, like some old people, they have a grace, a subtle charm lacking in many of the younger generation.

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LAPARK, PENNA.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. I have a Rose of Sharon seven years old that has never bloomed. What is the reason and what shall I do? I grow it in a tub and store in the cellar in Winter.—R. E. K., Ills.

A. Prune roots a little and set outdoors at once and leave it there, as it is perfectly hardy; in rich soil, in sun. Into the surface work in about a quart of bone meal; soak immediately on planting.—EDITOR.

Q. Are Tea Roses hardy seventy-five miles north of New York city? When is best time to set out for quick bloom?—I. C., N. Y.

A. They are hardy, but it is wise to mulch for Winter with strawy manure and soil. Set out in Spring.—EDITOR.

Q. Will you please name the enclosed Ferns and tell me how to care for them?—M. F., Va.

A. The large Fern is Whitmanii and the smaller one Nephrolepsis superbissima. They require a moist, warm, shady situation where they may be sprayed with water once a day. Good drainage is essential.—EDITOR.

Q. What effect has natural gas on pot-plants?—E. A. S., Pa.

A. If leaking indoors it will destroy plants—EDITOR.



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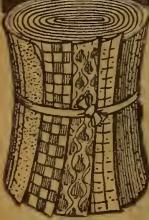
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Q. Will Water Lilies growing wild in ponds succeed in tubs?—E. J. R., Ind.

A. Yes, with eight inches of soil at the bottom, with an inch or two of sand on top of it.—EDITOR.

Q. My Begonia leaves die around the edge; I have been keeping them in a cooler room without improvement.—C. F., Iowa.

A. Keep them rather in the shade, in a fairly warm room.—EDITOR.

Q. Please tell me what shrubbery to set at north or shady side of my house?—H. J. D., N. Y.

A. Symphoricarpos vulgaris and racemosus, Snowberry, Deutzias, Weigela, are all satisfactory.—EDITOR.

Q. What is the matter with my red Peony? It has sprouted three years, but never bloomed.—J. E. M., Ala.

A. Divide before it starts to sprout and shift to new situation, stirring in a tablespoonful of bone-meal, but apply no fresh stable manure.—EDITOR.

Q. What will destroy white flies on house plants?—S. P., N. Y.

A. Wash with soap and water and dust with powdered tobacco.—EDITOR.

Q. Can Paper White Narcissus be grown outdoors in this State? When should they be planted for Easter bloom?—G. A. A., N. Y.

A. Plant only indoors so far north, and allow four to five weeks for blooming.—EDITOR.

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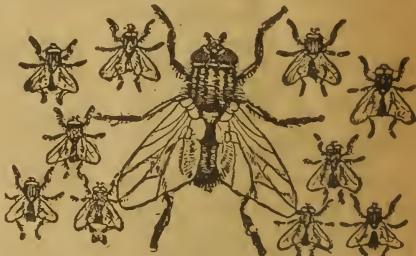
156 GLADIOLUS AND A NEW IDEA FOR A BED

I had a lot more but I sold them. I always plant my Gladiolus in April and I plant other flowers among them so that my beds are always in bloom until frost. First I set out the Gladiolus, after which I sprinkle Poppy seed over the whole bed. When they are up I set an Aster plant between each two Gladiolus, and have a border of Petunias or Nasturtiums. For success Gladiolus must be in the sun, and this suits the other plants I have mentioned equally well. And they must all have

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"I feel like I did at 35," says Mr. Glascock, "and seem to be getting stronger every day. During my three weeks' use of the new discovery, pains and weaknesses of many years' standing disappeared almost magically. Today I am as vigorous and supple as I was in the prime of life. Furthermore, when I began using the compound, my memory was virtually gone and I was almost blind. Now my mind is clear and active and I can read the finest print without difficulty."

In order to find out whether the results were lasting, Mr. Glascock waited six months before reporting on his test of the discovery. On this point he says:

"Every passing day strengthens my conviction that my restoration is not only complete but permanent. I can't express the happiness this great discovery has brought to me. It has made me 'young' again."

Similar reports are being made almost daily. For instance, D. W. Wood of New Orleans, past 60 years of age, says: "The compound has brought me back to as good, healthy physical condition as I enjoyed at 35. I am apparently as supple as at 25 and my eyesight is better than for years. I would not take \$5,000 for what the discovery has done for me."

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Last year I planted Scabiosa, or Mourning Bride, for the first time and have found in it a plant I shall try to be without ever again.

One of the special gems of my garden last Summer was a double Petunia that grew at the north side of the house. It was a tiny plant when I got it, but I believe I have never seen anything grow so rapidly. I made a trellis for it and tied the branches up as fast as they grew and it was covered with lovely flowers all the time, and never two of the same shade—it was red and white variegated.

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As soon as the ground permits scratch a little, and put on more manure; do this every ten to twelve days. During the latter part of April and through May use liquid manure. This is made by taking a bushel of cow manure, put it in a sack and sink it in a barrel of water, covered. After it has set a few days draw off what you wish to use and dilute it with two-thirds water to one of the liquid manure. Pour this around the base of the roses but not on the foliage. Do this every ten days stirring the earth's surface before you do it. You see the greatest improvement in the world in plant and in bloom. This is far better than dry fertilization, because it seeps through to the root.

In cutting your roses, cut often, cut long stems to insure long stems and new growth—new growth means new bloom.

In June I slip; also in September; though you can just as soon as sap is flowing and the ground has ceased to be chilled.

I have a little plan that has saved me many a valued rose variety: after a new plant is settled well, started growing, I always take a slip or two if it is a large rose (2 years or more), and I plant it under the parent rose, not near enough for the cultivation to disturb it, or it the cultivation. Several times the old rose has been lost later on, and I still have the young ones I have raised from it.

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Again I say cut your blossoms often and well—pruning brings bloom. With one-year plants I would advise that you de-bud them, not permitting them to bloom the first year, but prune off all long, thin, straggly pieces as they form, and let the plant get its growth-shape.

Remember, pruning a rose well insures bloom—prune slightly only for growth. The main pruning of a rose should be in February, the latter part of the month, and again in April, unless you are in a State where the Spring opens very, very early. This has to be governed very greatly by location—and, as I said, if you want much bloom prune a good deal; if you want show roses, as to plant growth first, prune only a few inches, cutting out all dead wood in any case.

I do not think there is much more to be said; I have tried to give the most salient points, and there remains only the matter of Winter protection. With me, here in Virginia, unless it is a very much severer Winter than usual, and unless it is a particularly tender rose, I just hill up the earth around them, say five or six inches, and put over this a layer of well-rotted manure.

If I want to protect it more I just put a little loose straw around it, and tie it so it will shed water and yet let the air through. Both of these are done in colder States, and are not removed until all danger of a freeze is past.

P.S.—Roses should be planted not closer together than two feet, and it helps, rather than hurts, to plant shallow rooting seeds, like Verbena, Pansies, Portulaca, Sweet Alyssum, Mignonette, etc., around them, and also over your bulb bed, as it keeps the roots cool, acting as a mulch in very hot weather.

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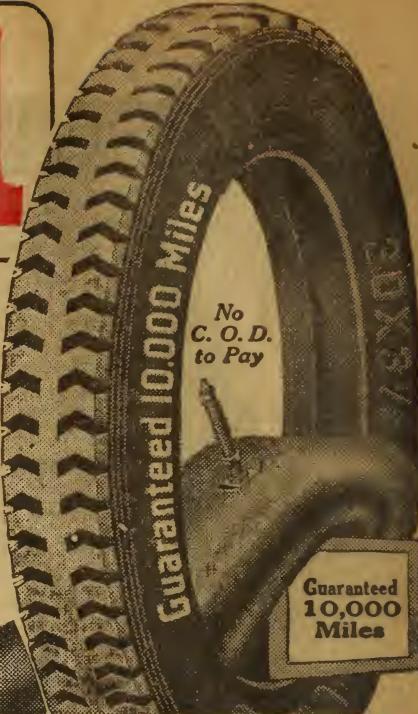
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